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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

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1. DELIGHTED WITH THE PROSPECT OF ANOTHER CHIEFS MISSION MEETING. I HOPE YOU WILL STRUCTURE IT ALONG THE LINES OF LAST JANUARY MEETING WHICH, IN MY VIEW, WAS EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL. THE ONLY WEAK PART OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WAS THE RATHER MECHANICAL RECITATION OF USIA'S AND CU'S ROLE WHICH WAS HARDLY NEWS TO ANY OF THE CHIEFS OF MISSION. IF YOU CAN NOT GET RID OF THESE TOPICS ALTOGETHER, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER REDUCING THEM TO A SHORT QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WHERE CHIEFS OF MISSION COULD RAISE ANY PENDING PROBLEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN THIS FIELD.

2. I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE MR. COLBY BACK WITH US AGAIN. THE AGENCY'S ROLE IN LATIN AMERICA IS A MATTER OF CONTINUED CONCERN TO ALL OF US AND I WANT TO RAISE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF FBIS WHICH, IN MY VIEW, SHOULD BE SEVERED FROM THE AGENCY QUICKLY BEFORE THE ROOF FALLS IN.

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3. I BELIEVE A CANDID SESSION WITH LARRY EAGLEBERGER ABOUT QTE CLEAN SLATE UNQTE AND HIS VIEWS ON WHAT THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO DO IN THE MANAGEMENT FIELD WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

4. FINALLY, I THINK THERE MIGHT BE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN HAVING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION (IAF) APPEAR BEFORE THE CHIEFS OF MISSION. SUFFICIENT QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR OPERATIONS, SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITY HAVE BEEN RAISED TO MAKE A FRANK DISCUSSION WORTHWHILE.

5. SHORTAGE OF TIME MIGHT FORCE YOU TO CUT OUT SOME SPEAKERS BUT I HOPE YOU WILL KEEP THE BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES LIKE BILATERAL AID PROSPECTS FOR LATIN AMERICA, MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND NARCOTICS IN THE PROGRAM.
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